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APPLICANT: George N. VALKANAS et al. CONF. NO.: 7933  
SERIAL NO: 09/205,297 GROUP: 1724  
FILED: December 4, 1998 EXAMINER: I. Cintis  
FOR: METHOD AND PRODUCTS TO ABSORB OIL AND ORGANIC  
SOLVENTS FROM WATER AND FROM SEA

**LETTER SUBMITTING DECLARATIONS BEARING ORIGINAL SIGNATURES**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 14, 2002

Sir:

Further to Applicants' Amendment filed February 6, 2002, enclosed are the original copies of the Declarations by Mr. Kilimiris and Mr. Konstantakopoulos. The Examiner is requested to make these documents part of the official record and to consider the statements made in the attached Declarations in combination with the remarks of the February 6, 2002 Amendment.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees

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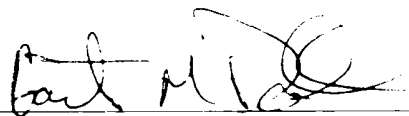
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required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17;  
particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Original Declaration by Mr. Konstantakopoulos  
Original Declaration by Mr. Kilimiris